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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Chairman, JCS Desires Increased Intelligence  
Community Support to DOD Efforts to Find  
American POWs in SE Asia

1. Lieutenant General Jamie Philpott, Deputy Director, DIA, called on General Cushman on the afternoon of 21 October to alert CIA to Admiral Moorer's desire to make certain that everything possible is being done by the Intelligence Community to support the effort to track down American POWs in SE Asia.

2. Admiral Moorer reviewed the POW problem at a meeting in the Pentagon on 20 October. He wants to establish a capability to run down every report or rumor on American POWs in Laos, Cambodia or Vietnam and to make certain that everything possible is done to rescue them. General Philpott said that the project's operational planners hope to enlist the assistance of Intelligence Community resources at the national level.

3. General Philpott said that, at Admiral Moorer's direction, DIA will draft a letter to the Director of Central Intelligence (which will be signed by either General Bennett or Admiral Moorer) requesting the Agency's assistance in the effort. General Philpott acknowledged that considerable work was already being done on the POW problem but said that perhaps Washington would be able to give additional leads to the field.

4. General Philpott said it wasn't yet clear to him how Washington could best contribute to the problem. He mentioned the possibility of a DIA, CIA, NSA task force to follow the problem at the national level. This might be complemented by a joint task

force in the field. He suggested that members of the Washington task force might start by surveying the situation in the field. He said that the DOD request would be sent to the Director next week.



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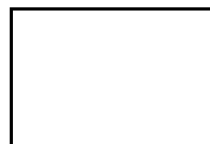
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## Remarks:

General Cushman asked me to pass the attached memo to you for information.



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